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## **Super sparks**



Robert Dries, 12th Civil Engineer Division maintenance mechanic, cuts a bar for a ladder rack to be attached to a work truck. To learn more about the 12th CED, see page 18. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

# Unauthorized e-mail use leads to trouble, impacts base mission

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio Wingspread staff writer

While common sense can usually tell a person what is and isn't authorized when it comes to Internet and e-mail use on a government computer, not everyone understands or cares to follow the rules.

Five people have already faced disciplinary actions this year at Randolph for sending or receiving unauthorized e-mails or for visiting inappropriate Web sites.

For most people, the threat of legal action is a good enough reason to obey the rules. But for others, perhaps understanding the negative impact these actions may have on the mission will make them think twice.

Marvin Hepworth, 12th Communications Squadron Network Control Center chief, said even a small clip from a television show has the potential to fog up the network and slow down the base's e-mail system.

"Let's say you receive a five megabyte clip from a television show and send it to 10 people in your

address book, and they send it to the people in their address books," he said. "All of these clips sent at once bog down the network. It fills up the mail cube and mail may slow down to the point where it won't even flow."

In a worst case scenario, if all 15,000 e-mail account holders on Randolph were to send a clip at one time a total work stoppage would occur, Mr. Hepworth said.

It is okay for people to e-mail and access video and photo files, such as mpeg and jpeg formats, for official business. However, when people send and receive unauthorized files on top of the ones used for business, the network really slows down, he said.

"This is especially important when you are dealing with time sensitive material," said Mr. Hepworth. "The data will not be sent until the mail cube is cleared out."

The NCC chief added that sending unauthorized e-mails may also threaten the Air Force's number one resource – its people.

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# Randolph faces impending water restrictions

By Michael Briggs

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph will likely face water-use restrictions as a dry weather pattern continues from spring into summer, 12th Civil Engineer Division environmental officials announced April 13.

The San Antonio area has received only about one third of its average rainfall this year, which means drought conditions could lead to restrictions within the next month at San Antonio military installations that rely on the Edwards Aquifer as their sole source of potable water, said Robin Armhold, compliance manager for the 12th CED Environmental Flight.

"San Antonio Water System officials have projected the area will be under drought restrictions as early as May, but no later than July," Ms. Armhold said. "However, the military community, in an effort to help preserve the aquifer, operates under more stringent water management standards than the local populace. Therefore, restrictions for Randolph could take effect within the month, depending on the level of the aquifer."

The aquifer was at 663.2 feet at press time, which puts it less than 6 feet from the Stage 1 restriction level of 657.5 feet the military enforces. SAWS officials predict the aquifer will be at 657 feet by May 11 based on computer models that forecast water levels.

The average level in feet above mean sea level for the aguifer in April is 667.7 feet.

While a one-foot drop in the level of the aquifer may not sound like much, it is significant considering the Edwards Aquifer and its catchment area in the San Antonio region cover about 8,000 square miles and include all or part of 13 counties in south-central Texas.

"For the entire Edwards Aquifer in the San Antonio region, it has been estimated by the U.S. Geological Survey that one foot of aguifer thickness contains between 6.5 and 12 billion gallons of water," said John Hoyt, Edwards Aquifer Authority program manager for resource protection. "Considering this range for one foot, one-tenth of a foot would equal a range of 650 million to 1.2 billion gallons and one-hundredth of a foot would equal a range of 65 million to 120 million

Based on those figures and average usage numbers, one foot of water in the massive aquifer can supply more than 36,800 families of four with water for an

That's why conservation and restrictions are important in maintaining the health of the aquifer, Ms. Armhold said.

At Randolph, stage 1 restrictions are triggered after five days with the aquifer level at less than 657.5 feet.

"Given that a declaration of a critical period stage appears imminent, we should all be mindful of our water use," she said. "The aquifer level is reported on local news and in the newspaper every day. When a critical period stage is declared, notices will be made public as soon as possible, so people should watch the base marquee and read the Wingspread."

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## 12th Flying Training Wing Training Status

Pilot Instructor Training As of Monday Squadron Seniors Overall 99th FTS 2.0 0.2 558th FTS -14.4 -5.5 559th FTS -1.1-2.1560th FTS 5.7 -0.7

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior

Navigator, EWO Students						
562nd F	563rd FTS				1	
CSO/NFO		CSO		Graduate EW	0/	-
USAF	291	OPS	25	International	17	-
Navy	32	Advanced EV	V 15	EW Course	0	-
International	3	Integration	27	Intro to EW	0	-
Total in Training	326		67		17	-
Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of						

combat systems officer students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Flying Hour Program				
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual	
T-1A	5664.6	5884.7	10,725	
T-6A	9100.6	9134.3	17,196	
T-37B	2865.6	2946.2	5,796	
T-38C	5119.3	5199.6	9,937	
T-43	2056.5	2047.9	3,982	
The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2005 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2006.				

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Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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Team Randolph's last DUI was March 18, 2006

## Risk vs. Benefit

## Doolittle Raid highlights preparedness

**By Lt. Col. George Chappel**12th Flying Training Wing chief of safety

On April 18, 1942, a daring band of 16 aircrews found themselves in the most unlikely of places – sitting in their B-25 Mitchell bombers on the tossing deck of the USS Hornet.

These intrepid aviators, now known as the Doolittle Raiders, were preparing to accomplish an unprecedented feat: launch bombers from an aircraft carrier on a one-way mission to mainland Japan over 600 miles away.

As a career bomber navigator, I'm awed by the magnitude of the task the Doolittle Raiders faced. Taking a medium bomber off the deck of an aircraft carrier is truly worthy of commemoration.

To then fly those bombers at wavetop level to the enemy's capital, perform a mid-day bombing raid against targets in four cities, and then have to either bail out, crash, ditch or divert makes the Doolittle Raiders the stuff of legends.

While the heroics of the Doolittle Raid deeply impress me as an aviator, as the 12th Flying Training Wing's chief of safety, I have to scratch my head and wonder what they were thinking when they hatched this crazy plan.

Sure the nation was at war, but bombers on a carrier ... flying at wavetop level ... one-way mission ... didn't anyone exercise Operational Risk Management back in the old days?

For those who haven't been exposed to ORM, it is a decision-making process to evaluate possible courses of action, identify the risks and benefits associated with those courses of action, and then determine the best course of action

It enables all of us a means to maximize our capabilities while limiting risk both on and off duty. Quite simply put, ORM increases our ability to safely and successfully accomplish the mission, whether it is flying a bomber off a carrier or driving home after work.

While the answer to my earlier



A B-25 launches from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet April 18, 1942, at the start of the Doolittle Raid. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of National Archive)



question is "No, they did not have an ORM program during World War II," I would still bet the Doolittle Raid would have taken place had ORM been applied to the mission.

I would even argue sound ORM was applied throughout the planning and execution of the Doolittle Raid. They just didn't realize they were doing it.

One of the key tenets of ORM is when we accept risk, benefits must outweigh the cost. Since the potential benefits of the Doolittle Raid were tremendous, accepting a lot of risk for the raid was perfectly in line with sound ORM.

ORM also tells us to accept no unnecessary risks. This means we must assess the risks and develop risk control measures to limit their impact to the mission.

Prior to the Doolittle Raid, every aspect of the raid was thoroughly

analyzed for risk, and risk control measures were implemented. The aircrews completed an intense threemonth training program designed to prepare them for the mission.

The B-25s were extensively modified to increase their range, reliability and safety. The plan incorporated lowaltitude ingress to delay detection, targets spread throughout four cities to thin out air defenses and egress routing designed to cover up the bomber's true destination.

All of these items represent ORM in action: developing courses of action to limit risk while increasing chances for successful mission accomplishment.

Even though I can only imagine how it must have felt when the pilots released the brakes and the B-25s slowly lumbered down the 500-foot carrier deck toward the ocean, we can certainly learn lessons from the Doolittle Raid that are applicable today.

Military operations, and everyday living, are inherently risky. So please think before you act and then continually reevaluate your situation.

Your mission is to accept no unnecessary risks, and when you do accept risk, ensure the benefits outweigh the cost. Be safe!

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## What are you doing with your tax return?

By Capt. Nathan D. Broshear 505th Command and Control Wing Public Affairs

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFPN) – An Airman walked into my office the other day excited about the new flat-panel television he was about to purchase. Here's a confession: I don't have a flat-panel TV ... yet. I guess I'm not "keeping up with the Joneses." Curious as to how the Airman could afford such an extravagance, I asked how he'd pay for such a pricey item

He smiled and said, "I'm buying it with my tax return money."

Cue the dramatic music! Since I've taken it as my life mission to help young troops avoid the pitfalls of modern personal finance, you can guess how the rest of the conversation went. Be it insurance scams or predatory auto dealers, I believe it's incumbent upon supervisors, officers and co-workers to help our upand-coming Airmen prepare for a secure financial future.

Using one's tax return money for a brief pick-meup at the local chain store is tempting. I'll admit that in my younger days, I once blew a check from Uncle Sam like a rock star trying to make the cover of a tabloid. But I've learned my lesson, and I hope to help you resist the temptation.

So what should you do with your refund check? First, let's make one thing clear: the check you receive after filing your taxes is a tax "return" or "refund" – the money in that check didn't materialize out of thin air. It was yours all along!

You "overpaid" your taxes and gave the government (your employer coincidentally) an interest-free loan. When you file your taxes, all you're doing is requesting what's rightly yours back. And for all that, you still have to wait 10 to 14 days, or longer, to get it.

"Paying off credit card debt should always be first on your list. 'First' means before the flat-panel TV, before a new couch and before you buy something to make your car more 'fast-and-furious.'"

One could adjust their withholding so that at the end of the year, the amount withdrawn from their check each month equals the proper amount they'd pay in taxes. I still haven't met someone who has successfully pulled this off. More often than not, they've adjusted their withholding only to end up owing money because of some new change in the tax code (and you can be sure the tax code will change every year).

Of course, the Thrift Savings Plan should always be part of a complete financial plan. Putting money into the TSP decreases the amount of income tax you'll pay and can add up to healthy addition to a military pension. So don't forget about the TSP. But since you can't sock away your tax refund in the TSP, it's a smart move to do the next best thing ... read on, young Jedi.

There are a wealth of financial experts out there with different opinions as to what you should do if you're expecting a tax refund. The one common denominator is this: if you have credit card debt of any kind it's imperative that you attack that albatross first. Credit card debt is like a bad infection. It will eat you alive if you're not careful. With the average American carrying well over \$5,000 in debt at an average rate of 18 percent, there are few investments

that will serve you as well as retiring a credit card.

Paying off credit card debt should always be first on your list. "First" means before the flat-panel TV, before a new couch and before you buy something to make your car more "fast-and-furious."

If you're smart enough to not have credit card debt, then starting (or fully funding) a Roth IRA is likely the smartest financial move you can make. Contributions to a Roth are capped at \$4,000 per year for individuals. But did you know you can also put away another \$4,000 for your spouse, even if he or she doesn't work? That's as long as you file your tax "married filing joint."

Here are some other wealth-generating ideas for your tax refund: Pay down your mortgage. Start a college savings plan for your children. Start or beefup a "rainy-day" fund. Fix your car – a well-maintained car gets better gas mileage. Give a portion to charity – you know it's Air Force Assistance Fund season. Open a brokerage account and buy solid dividend-paying stocks. Buy new energy-saving appliances or windows. Or invest in yourself by learning a skill or finishing a degree program.

No matter what you choose, think about the longterm implications. Is this something that will cost you more money or something that will make you money? The wealthy didn't get their fortunes buying items at the mall. They got there by buying items that grew in value, saved them future money or paid dividends. You can, too!

In the military we do a great job of mentoring our co-workers on the battlefield, but sometimes forget about the fight for financial freedom. Help your troops make sound financial decisions with their tax refund. For many Airmen, their tax refund is the largest lump-sum check they've ever had – and a great opportunity for a positive change in their financial flightplan.

**NEWS** 

# Virtual villains ruin accounts, credit ratings

**By Tech. Sgt. Russell Wicke and Maj. David Honchul** Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) – Crooks made off with an estimated \$5 billion from individuals whose identities were stolen last year.

In what is becoming America's fastest growing type of robbery, identity theft involves a shrewd charade instead of a hold-up at gun point, and military members increasingly are becoming the targets of these threats.

"Phishing e-mails are a tremendous threat," said Brig. Gen. John Maluda, director of communications at Headquarters Air Combat Command. "The bottom line is anyone with a computer and Internet access can create loads of trouble for our unsuspecting Airmen."

An example streaming across the cyber world is a variation of what has been dubbed the "Nigerian Scam."

The scam begins when an individual sends an e-mail explaining how he or she has come into possession of an incredible sum of money and now needs help getting the money out of his or her country.

In some cases, the individual claims to be a military member serving in Iraq, who has come into possession of \$200 million of Saddam Hussein's money.

When the instigators find people who are willing to open bank accounts with their own money, they lure the victims into putting more money into the accounts with promises of huge payouts when it's all over. Once the perpetrator feels the situation has been pushed to the limit, the money is drained from the account, leaving the victim with an empty wallet.

According to the Secret Service, the Advance Fee

"Once the perpetrator feels the situation has been pushed to the limit, the money is drained from the account, leaving the victim with an empty wallet."

Fraud – the technical name for this type of crime – grosses hundreds of millions of dollars annually and the losses continue to escalate. The Internet Crime Complaint Center received more than 231,000 complaints in 2005 – up 12 percent from 2004. The cost of those frauds reached more than \$183 million.

Another type of phishing scam seeks to steal an individual's identity. This usually comes in the form of a bank notice warning that critical information is needed to secure an account.

An example of this is the fraudulent e-mail sent out with the name Bank of America. The notice asks for information a thief would need to wipe out a bank account and a good credit rating. Because the government travel cards are affiliated with Bank of America, Air Force officials are concerned for Airman cardholders.

"This could be a particular threat to our Airmen," said Maj. Sandi Swanton, ACC Staff Judge Advocate chief of information law. "Banks don't contact you by e-mail. They do it by mail, and even then, you are required to make initial contact by calling after that."

Major Swanton added that even when banks do contact customers by mail, they do not request information like account numbers, social security numbers or PINs. Banks already have this information.

She also added that the Bank of America e-mail scam, like many others, had tell-tale signs that it wasn't a real notice, despite the use of what looked like official company symbols and letterhead.

"If you look closely, you can see it's not professionally done," she said.

There are often grammar and punctuation errors, and if that's not enough to raise a red flag, the dire warnings of "account closures" are a sure tip.

"If you think it's something real, you should contact them," Major Swanton said, "and not using the information given in the e-mail. Use the phone number on the back of your credit card and call."

These notices can strike at any time, any where. One military member reported receiving a notice for her husband the week after he deployed. The notice, allegedly from Chase Bank, stated his credit card was being used out of the area, and that if he didn't verify within 48 hours, the account would be closed. Fortunately, the member called the bank and an official advised her it wasn't legitimate.

"Chase advised they would call if there was a problem with the account," the member said. "That's consistent with an experience I once had with another card; the company called my home to check on the out-of-country use of the card."

While firewalls and spam blockers can catch many of these scams before they hit inboxes, there are those that manage to slip through the cracks.

One other concern for command officials is Web sites that look like legitimate government sites, but are

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# Civilian volunteers for deployment

#### Communications planner packs bags for four-month expeditionary force deployment to Southwest Asia

By Megan Orton

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

When asked why he decided to volunteer for military deployment, he joked, "I'm crazy!"

Meet Hank Polk, Air Education and Training Command Communications and Information planner and project manager, a civilian volunteer who will deploy with Air Expeditionary Force 1-2 in May for four months at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

Mr. Polk is the first Air Force communications and information civilian to volunteer for a required AEF deployment position usually filled by a military member.

"I can't pinpoint exactly the reason I want to go," he said. "If a civilian can get part of the job done instead of sending a military member again and again, it is just a part of the teamwork."

As a prior soldier who has been with the Air Force since 1998, Mr. Polk said he has wanted to get "over there" for a long time. He sees Department of Defense civil servants as an important asset to the Air Force as it gradually reduces its number of active duty servicemen.

Because of this reduction in forces, Airmen are deploying to remote locations far more often, Mr. Polk said. Although 40 or 50 years ago the makeup of the military would have fit these demands well, at that time average military members were in their mid-20s and single, he explained. Today we've incorporated such a strong family value system in the military that deploying can be more difficult for active duty military members.

"We live in a world of an expeditionary force, where military members are constantly on the road," he said. "If we can get civil servants into some of those positions to give military members a break from deployment, why not? We have a giant civil service population in the Air Force, it's about time we start diving into it."

Currently, Mr. Polk orchestrates major command-level plans for AETC base planners to implement at their installations. One of his projects is the implementation of public key infrastructure, the programming associated with the common access card, to give all AETC personnel the ability to access computers using their CAC.

Mr. Polk said he is taking the necessary steps to make sure all of his projects run smoothly while he's away by spreading out his workload and incorporating backup managers into the projects he manages now.

At Al Udeid, he will be working similar types of plans, but at base level in a supervisory role.

"This is the fun part," he said. "I'm excited to get back into a tactical mentality and hopefully bring some of that back to Air Education and Training Command."



Hank Polk, Air Education and Training Command, returns a gas mask to the deployment center after a training class Tuesday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

Mr. Polk's preparation for deployment as a civilian is very similar to that of a military member. He underwent a deployment physical, received chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear explosive training, qualified on a weapon, and will be issued a gas mask and desert battle dress uniforms.

Since AEF deployments are relatively new for civilians, Mr. Polk said he and the Air Force are learning as they go. "Anything that comes up as a hurdle, we find a way to

get around it," Mr. Polk said. Even after his 21 years as an "Air Force brat" followed by

five years in the Army, Mr. Polk said he doesn't think it is any easier for him to deploy than any other civilian.

"I might have fewer surprises or an easier adjustment because of my background, but this is something that anyone with enough motivation can get done," he said.

Mr. Polk said he thinks that as the Air Force continues operations in the Middle East, more and more civil servants will choose to deploy. Just the opportunity to deploy is enough to be a driving force for many civilians, he said, because it is an opportunity that few have had.

"If I can go over there and do a pretty decent job, folks that are more qualified might follow me, and then we're improving our operations overseas," he said. "That's what it's all about."

## Peace of mind

## People can get online mental health screening

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Military members and families coping with the stress of overseas deployments and other potential health-threatening issues can log onto the Internet to get help, said a U.S. military psychologist.

Servicemembers from all components and their families can obtain a mental health selfassessment or screening through a Web site co-sponsored by the Department of Defense and Screening for Mental Health Inc., a nonprofit organization, said Col. (Dr.) Joyce Adkins, a psychologist with the Force Health Protection and Readiness directorate at the Defense Department's Health Affairs office.

"The (online) screening actually gets you to where you need to be in terms of counseling," Dr. Adkins said. "Once you do one of the screening checklists, it will give you the benefits

that are available to you."

The Web site was brought online in January, and can be found at http://www.mentalhealthscreening.or g/military/index.aspx . The link to the survey is in the upper right corner of the Web page under "Click for anonymous self assessment."

The site augments other DoD mental health assistance resources, Dr. Adkins said. People logged onto the site are asked to answer a series of questions. The program "grades" the completed survey, Dr. Adkins said, and gives people an evaluation of their present mental health and provides assistance resources, if deemed necessary.

Other DoD-endorsed health sites tell customers how to access mental health counseling services, but do not provide an online mental health screening program, Dr. Adkins said.

National Guard and Reserve members returning from overseas deployments also are authorized to use the Web site, Dr. Adkins said. Returning Reserve-component members have two years of health benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"And, it's totally free to them," the colonel said.

Such services are especially important now because of the potential stressful effects deployments can have on both military and family members, Dr. Adkins said.

"It's a concern that people don't understand what their thoughts and feelings mean as they come back from deployment," Dr. Adkins said. "As they re-integrate with their families there may be conflict in the family that's not easily resolved."

The mental health screening Web site and other related programs available to servicemembers and their families provide "a level of benefits and a level of service to help them understand what services are available to them for mental health issues," Dr. Adkins said.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### H Street closed for repairs

The 12th Mission Support Group announced that H Street, where the bowling center, Chapel 2 and child development center annex are located, is closed today through Monday for a project to seal coat and restripe the surface. Signs will be posted to redirect traffic.

#### **IRR Muster**

The annual Individual Ready Reserve Muster is Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the base theater. The purpose of the muster is to enhance readiness and improve crisis response for affected Reserve and Guard members.

The muster is a way to determine the physical condition of members identified for mobilization or augmentation, assess the proper balance of available military skills and refresh contact information.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Janay Baptiste at 652-4347.

#### 'Shaving bumps' study

Wilford Hall Medical Center is looking for volunteers to participate in a clinical research study to determine a safe and effective topical treatment for Pseudofolliculitis Barbae of the Beard.

PFB, or "shaving bumps," is a common condition in men who shave frequently.

The study medication is a gel that is applied to the face two times a day. To be eligible for the study volunteers must be at least 18 years old, in good health, have a stable shaving regimen and have qualifying PFB at baseline.

Participants will make seven outpatient visits to the WHMC Dermatology Clinic over a nine-week period.

Men interested in applying should call Rosemary Wells at 292-0329.

#### Medical clinic closure

The 12th Medical Group will be closed May 17 from noon to 4:30 p.m. for training.

#### National Honor Societies inductees

Forty-eight Randolph Secondary School students were recently inducted into the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society.

Inducted into the NHS were Tamara Austin, Kevin Beauchemin, James Burgess, Lance Copeland, Tracie Derlein, Erin Dougherty, Kristen Ferguson, Bethany Keef, Kathryn Keskel, Christina Lind, Cindy Lopez, Derrick Manning, Bethany Marley, Christopher Phillips, Dustin Ringler, Adam Rouse, Andrea Shannon, Matthew Sherrier, Jennifer Simmons, Julie Stedman and Rachel Williamson.

Inducted into the NJHS were Keisha Abrams, Ashlee Allen, Alyssa Chenaille, Emily Jones, Shannon McKinley, Thomas Schwarz, Rachel Simmons, Christopher Taglieri, Miranda Vesey, David Waller, Daniel Waring, Jeff Brown, Charles Burnett, Luke Carraway, Frank Eppich, Chris Fulton, Daniel Keef, Sarah McCullough, Luke Nickell, Nishal Osterhout, Hannah Ringler, Martha Rush, Chad Smith, Christopher Tubb, Jacob Walters and Jamey White.

#### Choir students earn top honors

Five Randolph Middle School choir students earned the top "superior" rating at the annual University Interscholastic league Vocal Solo and Ensemble competitions held recently.

Eighth graders earning the "superior" rating were Caitlin Lawson, Stephanie Rasten and Caitlin Phillips. Seventh graders earning honors were Vianey Gomez and Kory Kuhl.

## OPSEC expands focus, remains critical

By Capt. Gideon McClure

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

"Do you think you'll deploy this year? How long will you be gone? What do you think you'll be doing? Where? Will you be going with a lot of people?" At this point in the conversation you should be wondering who is asking, why are they asking and who else might get their hands on the answers.

Although the answers to these questions may not be classified, when put together the information could reveal sensitive details of military operations that could endanger mission effectiveness or lives.

"Whether deployed or at home, every Airman has a responsibility to safeguard operational information," said Gen. William R. Looney, III, Air Education and Training Command commander. "Airmen need to be aware of what they are saying and who might be listening. We need to realize that security starts at the source."

This idea is not new. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed National Security Decision Directive 298, which required each executive department and agency supporting national security missions to establish an operational security program.

The objective of this OPSEC program was clear-to prevent the inadvertent compromise of sensitive U.S. government activities, capabilities or intentions through an adversary's collection of unclassified information.

While security programs were already in place to protect classified information, the OPSEC program was intended to protect pieces of publicly available information that could jeopardize military actions or intentions.

NSDD 298 laid the foundation for the OPSEC process and established actions different agencies were required to take.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley, in a message released March 27, encouraged all Airmen to know and understand the critical information essential to mission success. In addition, General Moseley called on Airmen to recognize vulnerabilities in Air Force processes and apply OPSEC measures

#### **OPSEC Rules of Engagement:**

- Operational security must be considered when talking to others about personal or work-related information whether in person or on the Web. Ask yourself what a terrorist could do with this information.
- Assess the need, requirement and suitability of information for public release.
- Unclassified information when combined with other information already released could result in aggregated sensitivity and classification of the information.
- People should continuously look at what information they are putting on the Internet and telling people and evaluate what risks are involved.

Source of information: Air Force Aim Points

when a commander's risk assessment deems it necessary.

"Understanding and using OPSEC will protect our personnel and enhance our ability to conduct operations safely, securely and effectively," General Moseley said in his message.

General Moseley not only called on Airmen to renew their OPSEC vigilance, but also pointed out that as the Air Force becomes more reliant on new technologies, such as Web logs and wireless communication devices, their attention to OPSEC procedures should be heightened as well.

In 1988, when the OPSEC program was formed, blogs and PDAs did not exist. Sensitive information was more likely obtained through telephone lines, public conversations or discarded documents. Today, the old adage "Loose Lips Sink Ships" still applies, but now critical information can be compromised through a variety of electronic means. The Internet-particularly personal sites and blogs-is fertile ground for adversaries hunting for sensitive operational information.

"Our Airmen are technologically savvy. That's one of the keys to our flexibility as a fighting force. But from an OPSEC perspective, there are vulnerabilities

associated with cell phones, PDAs, flash drives, and blogs. With the increased use of these technologies comes an increased responsibility to carefully guard operational information from improper disclosure. Our enemies know how to use technology as well, and they are on the prowl," said General Looney.

According to an al-Qaida training manual found by police in Manchester, England, terrorists have distinct guidelines on how to obtain information that would assist in subverting U.S. interests, policies and operations.

"Spying on the enemy is permitted and...winning the battle is dependent on knowing the enemy's secrets, movements, and plans," the manual says.

When Airmen post information to a blog about where they are deployed, what they are doing and when they are coming home, they run the risk of exposing military actions or intentions-a point General Moseley drives home in his message.

"We have been fighting the Global War on Terror for more than 1,500 days," said General Moseley. "Never before has it been more important for the Air Force to protect and control its critical information. Effective OPSEC practices are critical to Air Force operations and serve as the cornerstone to our efforts, both in war and peace."

#### Water

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#### **Normal Water Conservation**

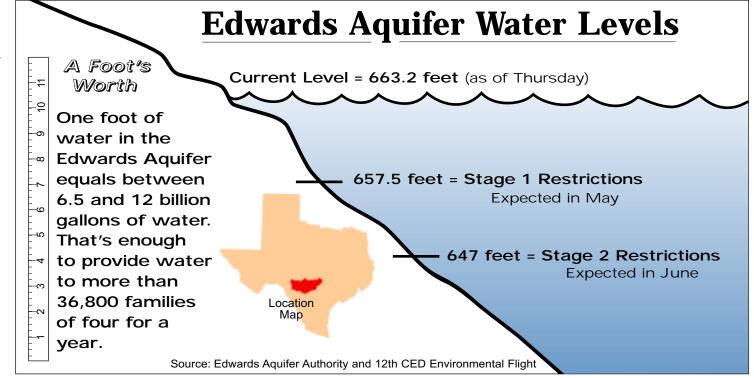
Since management of water resources is a year-round effort, the following conservation measures are always in effect.

- Any action resulting in water waste is prohibited.
- Landscape watering is allowed only two days a week and is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Watering days for even-numbered street addresses are Saturdays and Tuesdays, and for odd numbered street addresses the days are Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Washing driveways, streets and sidewalks is approved for health and safety reasons only, such as rinsing off bird droppings.
- Washing cars is allowed anytime, but people must use a shutoff nozzle to prevent water waste.
- Charity car washes on base are prohibited.

#### Stage 1 Restrictions

When stage 1 restrictions take effect, the following additional water-saving restrictions will be enforced:

- Water must not run off into gutters, ditches or drains due to overwatering of lawns. All water leaks must be immediately identified for repair.
- Landscape watering is still allowed only two days a week, but is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., an additional two hours from



normal restriction rules.

- People can only wash cars during their normal watering hours and should ensure water does not run into the street or is otherwise being wasted. Base residents are encouraged to wash their cars no more than twice a month.
- Irrigation of athletic fields is permitted only as required to maintain the turf viability and safety.

Stage 2 restrictions take effect when the aquifer level has been at or below 647 feet for five days. Current SAWS computer models predict the aquifer will reach that level in June.

#### Stage 2 Restrictions

Stage 2 adds the following restrictions:

- New plantings of landscape items or turf is prohibited unless it's included in contract deliverables, required to repair damage resulting from maintenance or construction actions, or authorized by the Energy Management Steering Group. Watering of new landscape plantings or turf is permitted as required to ensure sustained growth.
- Swimming pools, including yard pools, must be covered with an effective evaporation cover that shields at least 25 percent of the pool surface when the pool is not in use.
- Use of water in outdoor ornamental fountains is prohibited unless the water is recycled. The only additional water used is to compensate

for evaporation losses.

- Government vehicles, aircraft and aerospace ground equipment will be washed on a 90-day cycle.
- Fire hydrant and sewer line flushing is prohibited, except as necessary to accomplish repairs or for critical testing requirements.

Randolph has three other levels of restriction, Stages 3-5, that enforce more stringent restrictions.

People can get lawn watering tips from the SAWS Web site at www.saws.org/conservation/SIP or by calling the conservation information line at 704-SAVE (7283).

For more details about water use and restrictions at Randolph, call the environmental flight at 652-4668.

## Base observes Holocaust Remembrance Day

## Chapel holds candle lighting ceremony, FSC showcases display

**By Senior Master Sgt. Rosa Cavazos** Air Force Personnel Center

Jewish history contains many stories of slavery and freedom, sorrow and joy, persecution and redemption.

The Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom HaShoah, celebrated Tuesday, is one day of memory for the Jewish people.

The Randolph community is invited to pay respect to the victims of the Holocaust with a candle lighting ceremony Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Chapel 2.

The family support center will also have a Holocaust Remembrance display for people to view Monday through Wednesday.

The Holocaust is the event in which Adolf Hitler and his army systematically killed 6 million Jews, ending with a complete death toll of about 11 million.

Through Yom HaShoah people can continue to teach and inform others about the horrors and atrocities of the Holocaust.

There are many rituals observed on the Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Some Jewish families may light a memorial candle and recite the Mourner's Kaddish prayer in remembrance of the Holocaust victims.

Throughout the world ceremonies bring people together with many lighting candles, recalling stories of Holocaust survivors and saying prayers.

In Israel, at 11 a.m., air raid sirens sound for two minutes. Traffic and pedestrians come to a standstill and stand silent. Businesses are closed. Television and radio programs transmit mourning songs and documentaries about the Holocaust with no commercials. Public buildings fly flags at half mast.



Liberated prisoners in the Mauthausen concentration camp near Linz, Austria, welcome the 11th Armored Division. (Photo by Cpl. Donald R. Ornitz)

Government computer restrictions

The following acts are prohibited on government computers:

The following acts are prohibited on government computers:

- Causing congestion on the network by sending chain letters, junk e-mails, and broadcasting inappropriate messages.
- Sending or receiving e-mail for commercial or personal financial gain.
- Intentionally or unlawfully misrepresenting your identity or affiliation in e-mail communications.
- Sending harassing, abusive, or offensive material to, or about others.
- Using someone else's identity (user identification name).
- Using government systems for political lobbying.
- Accessing commercial Web mail accounts and instant messaging services.

• Storing or sending offensive material, including "hate literature" such as racist literature, materials or symbols; sexually harassing materials, pornography and other sexually explicit materials.

 Participating in nongovernmental "chat groups," or open forum discussion through a public site, unless it is for official purposes and approved through the Global Information Grid Waiver board.

• Obtaining, installing, copying, storing, or using software in violation of the appropriate vendor's license agreement.

Copying and posting official information to unauthorized Web sites.

## Computer

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People often get in trouble for sending something they feel is okay to someone who doesn't feel the same about it, he said.

"People must remember that perception is reality," he said.

According to Air Force Instruction 33-119, Air Force Messaging, messaging users bear sole responsibility for material they access and send. E-mail users should remember any message they send can be forwarded to someone else.

"If you can't say it to someone's face, you probably shouldn't say it through an e-mail," Mr. Hepworth said.

#### **Villains**

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not affiliated with the military or government. These sites are intended to trick people into passing personal information. The Federal Trade Commission warns that once people divulge their personal information on these bogus sites, the scam operators can steal identities and make purchases in the person's name.

When Web sites claim to represent military or government agencies, Air Force officials recommend members look closely at the Web addresses, particularly those ending in ".org" or ".com." Virtually all official government Web sites end in ".gov," or in the case of military sites, ".mil."

Even with commercial companies, members should take care, especially for unsolicited requests for their personal information. Experts say the best thing to do with unsolicited offers and e-mails is to delete or ignore them. However, if people do become victims of these crimes, there are agencies that can help.

Servicemembers can file complaints through Military Sentinel. This joint project of the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Defense is the first online consumer complaint database specifically tailored to the needs of the military community. The project is designed to give military service members in all parts of the world a convenient way to report fraud directly to law enforcement officials by visiting www.consumer.gov/military.

To report cyber crimes or internet fraud, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National White Collar Crime Center established the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

To report suspected credit card fraud, contact the three major credit reporting bureaus: Equifax at (800) 525-6285, Experian at (888) 397-3742 and TransUnion at (800) 680-7289.

To report fraudulent bank accounts set up in your name, contact Telecheck at (800) 366-2425 or the International Check Services Company at (800) 526-5380.



# Kinder Roundup

## Elementary school holds new student registration

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The base elementary school hosts an orientation for parents and their children who want to be enrolled in kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year May 2.

The Randolph Elementary School Kinder Roundup begins at 6 p.m. in the school's early childhood building

"We look forward every year to this fun event," said Karen Bessette, elementary school principal. "It's our opportunity to take the first step in welcoming our newest students, and to create

partnerships with the parents."

During the orientation, parents and children learn about the school and its programs, meet teachers and register for the next school year.

Parents should bring their driver's license and child's birth certificate, Social Security card, current immunization record and proof of residency. In addition, parents who don't reside on base should bring their approval letter for transfer, if available.

Parents of students who are enrolled in the prekindergarten program do not need to bring any of the above information.

Students must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006, to be eligible for enrollment, according to

Randolph school officials. Students must also live on base or be under the district's student transfer policy.

Parents who want to enroll their child in the transfer program, but don't reside on base, can pick up an application from the superintendent's office on base or from www.randolph-field.k12.tx.us.

"Kinder Roundup gets us excited about the upcoming school year, and seeing all the bright, shining 5 year-olds," Ms. Bessette said.

Babysitting is available for younger siblings during he orientation.

For more information on the session or to sign up for babysitting, call the elementary school office at 357-2345.

# FSC hosts special event for Air Force spouses

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The family support center hosts a special event for military spouses new to the Air Force and Randolph May 11.

The event, called Heart Link, runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center

During the event a variety of base organizations including the medical clinic, TRICARE, finance, services, chapel, life skills, and health and wellness center will have informational tables and short presentations set up.

"The presentations are designed to familiarize spouses with just about everything our base has to offer," said Chris Morrow, community readiness consultant. "We especially want those spouses who are new to the Air Force or who just moved here from another

base to come out. It's a great opportunity that will make their transition much easier."

People who attend Heart Link are also treated to breakfast and lunch and have the chance to win prizes. The Randolph Family Day Care office also offers free childcare.

"Heart Link is such an outstanding program," said Amy Clark, wife of 12th Flying Training Wing commander, Col. Richard Clark. "It doesn't matter how long you've been a military family member, everyone learns something new there."

"Spouses leave armed with the tools they need to take care of their families and themselves," she said. "Plus, you have the opportunity to make new friends and explore job opportunities."

To sign-up, call Ms. Morrow at 652-5321, ext 236. The deadline is May 8. People interested in free childcare during the event should call 652-3668 and mention they will be attending Heart Link.

# FSC hosts car buying workshop

By Armando Perez

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Summer is almost here and that means more people taking to the roads.

With the recent rise in gas prices many travelers may be discouraged from taking road trips this year. Some people may consider purchasing a new vehicle with better fuel efficiency or to downsize the family sport utility vehicle into a practical midsize sedan to make fewer trips to the gas pump.

In an effort to help these consumers, the Randolph Family Support Center hosts a Smart Car Buying Workshop Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The workshop, presented by Steve Mayfield, FSC personal finance manager, helps people who know little about the car-buying process. The event features representatives from Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union and Eisenhower Bank who will discuss financing options and a representative from a local insurance company who will discuss what to look for when getting insurance for a new or used vehicle.

Whether a person is interested in leasing or buying a new or used vehicle, the choices can make a big difference in the final price, said Mr. Mayfield. And while the selection will be different for every consumer, the information offered in the workshop can help steer each person in the right direction.

During the workshop, Mr. Mayfield will discuss practical considerations when buying a car, research resources, warranties and service contracts, leasing "By the time customers arrive at the dealer's lot, they should know which model they want, the options and accessories they're interested in, how they'll finance the vehicle and how much their trade-in is worth."

Steve Mayfield

Family Support Center personal finance manager

versus buying, the lender's perspective, and other information that gives people a starting point before going to the dealer.

Mr. Mayfield added the Financial Task Force is also at the FSC to help anyone interested in buying a new car or for any financial advice they may need.

"We advise people who attend the workshop to stop by the office or call us with any questions they may have before heading to the dealership," he said.

Attendees also learn how to negotiate effectively to get the best price for their new vehicle and trade-in, and the advantages and disadvantages of buying and leasing vehicles.

"By the time customers arrive at the dealer's lot, they should know which model they want, the options and accessories they're interested in, how they'll finance the vehicle and how much their tradein is worth," Mr. Mayfield said. "All this information will be useful in their interaction with the salesperson and gives them an organized, informed and firm objective to get the vehicle they want at the lowest possible price."

Those interested in purchasing a vehicle should also talk to the financial institution from which they are getting a loan, Mr. Mayfield said.

"Since they provide the loan or finances for you to purchase the vehicle, they research everything from the dealer to how much money you would save purchasing an alternate vehicle," he said.

People who need a loan to buy a vehicle should include financing as part of their pre-purchase research, Mr. Mayfield said.

"Compare interest rates at various financial institutions, such as banks, credit unions, loan organizations and the dealership," he said. "It's often an advantage to get pre-approved for a loan, so that you can keep the financial arrangements out of the negotiating process."

Mr. Mayfield said customers usually have lower monthly payments and a lower down payment when they lease a vehicle, but leasing only makes sense if the person stays within the annual mileage, maintains the car well to avoid "excess wear-and-tear" charges, and plans for a balloon payment at the end of the lease, he said.

Those who plan on attending the workshop are encouraged to bring a lunch and an open mind about how the car buying process works, Mr. Mayfield said. Attendees may also bring their spouse and teenagers with them, if interested.

To reserve a seat, call 652-5321.



John Gikas fabricates metal for an air vent. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

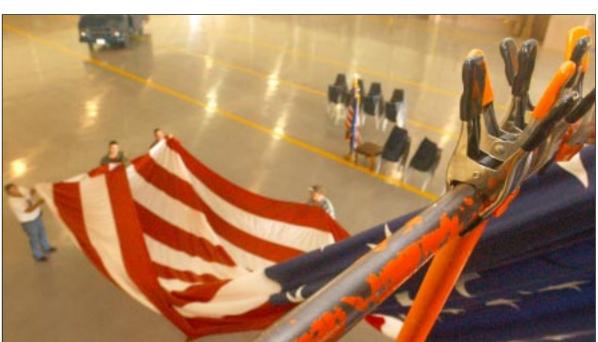
# MASTER PROBLEM SOLVERS



Ruben Sanchez cleans an HVAC system in preparation for summer

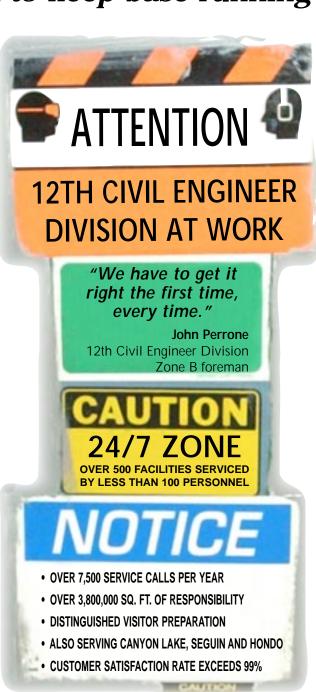


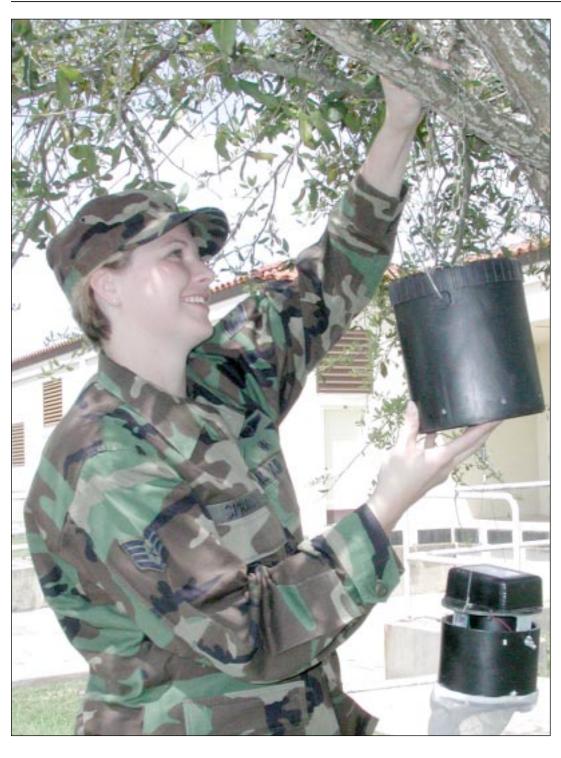
Ronnie Schweitzer cuts a metal rod in the SMART team sheet metal shop.



Members of the 12th Civil Engineer Division are tasked with taking down the 40-by-20 foot flag that is displayed for various events on base.

Busy 12th Civil Engineer
Division works around
clock to keep base running





# Public Friend 441

Staff Sgt. Christine Sprauer, public health craftsman, hangs a mosquito net. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

# Public Health Flight protects well-being, safety of base

By Jennifer Valentin Wingspread staff writer

From inspecting food to medically approving Airmen for deployment to conducting hearing tests on flight crews, the Randolph Public Health Flight serves a unique mission.

With a staff of 11, the members work hard to keep Randolph and the men, women and children here safe, said Maj. Philip Kemp, public health officer.

"Our goal is to prevent disease and disability on the base," said Major Kemp. "We take a lot of measures to implement this."

All of the food served or sold on base is inspected by the public health flight.

"We look for things such as food temperature and storage and cleanliness of the areas the food is kept or prepared in," Major Kemp said. "We want to prevent any possibility of food-borne illnesses."

The public health flight also takes care of the Airmen who are deploying, making sure they are 100 percent ready to go abroad, the major said. Deployed members have to have all of their vaccines up to date and be "medically capable" to go to another country.

"We want our members to leave healthy and come back healthy," he said.

The flight also takes periodic samples of the base's work environments to check for hazards, said Master Sgt. Germaine Barnett, NCO in charge of public health.

The public health flight also works with entomology, mainly for any mosquito problems that may arise on base.

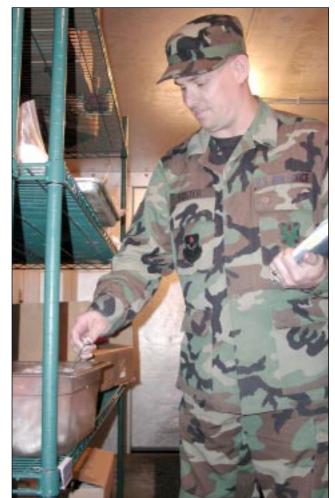
"Mosquito nets are hung on trees around the installation," Major Kemp said. "Public health can determine from these nets whether the mosquitoes

are a threat to the base by their numbers or if they're carrying disease."

Hearing tests also take up a major portion of the flight's workload. People such as pilots, crew chiefs and mechanics undergo regular hearing tests to ensure they can perform their duties.

"When people on base are healthy and taken care of, that means we're doing our job," Major Kemp said.

The public health flight is open for walk-ins Monday through Friday from 1-3 p.m. They are closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Staff Sgt. Duwayne Foster, NCO in charge of community health, checks the temperature of meat in the refrigerator in the enlisted club kitchen. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

People who need to visit public health for their security clearances are reminded that the process takes from 3-5 days. Airmen who are separating or retiring are asked to come in 30 days before their separation or retirement date.

For more information, call 652-2456.



Staff Sgt. Shannon Roman prepares Col. Mario Campos, Air Force Recruiting Service, for his annual hearing test. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

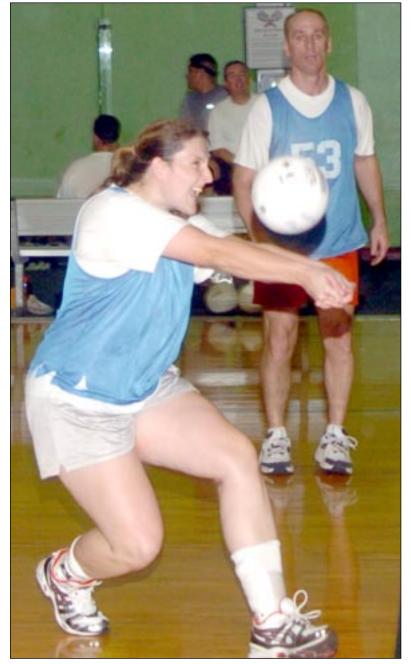
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# SAS edges SG in volleyball

By Michael Briggs

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

After losing the first game of a best-of-three match 25-23 and holding just an 11-9 lead in the middle of the second game, the Air Education and Training Command Studies and Analysis



Kristine Krumpelman of the Air Education and Training Command Studies and Analysis Squadron charges to bump a serve to the setter during intramural volleyball action Tuesday at the fitness center annex. (Photo by Steve White)

Squadron needed a spark to propel them past AETC Medical Services and Training (SG) Tuesday at the fitness center annex.

That's when Mike McCullough stepped to the line and served 10 straight points to give SAS a 21-9 lead en route to a match-tying 25-12 victory.

SAS then carried that momentum into a tightly played rubber game and pulled out a 15-12 win to take the intramural volleyball match.

McCullough's hard serves handcuffed the SG players during the game two run. He scored three aces and served two others that were bumped to areas of the court where SG couldn't set up a return.

"He's got an interesting underhand serve that comes off really fast," said Robert Young, SAS player coach.

While McCullough's serves helped SAS take game two, some strategy on the part of Young put his team in a position to take the match. He rearranged the position of the players on the court after the game one loss.

"We changed up our rotation," he said. "We were able to get to the ball more and had more consistent coverage of the floor."

That helped in the deciding game when SAS players held their positions on several long volleys while SG players were roaming the court leaving holes for SAS putaways.

Play was a bit sloppy early on in game three as both teams couldn't get into a rhythm. After trading points to a 4-4 tie, SAS took the lead for good when SG served out of bounds. Kristine Krumpelman followed with two serves that weren't returned to give SAS a 7-4 lead.

"Both teams were missing serves early on, which you don't want to do in a tie-break situation," Young said. "When we got consistent with our serves, that's what made the difference."

SG kept the game close behind the spikes and net play of Alan Onufrak. With his team trailing 11-9, his cross-court kill made it a one-point game. SG's opportunity to tie fell short, literally, when the next serve went into the net to give SAS a 12-10 lead.

Mike Mata tapped a ball in past a SAS block to get SG back within one point of the lead at 12-11. On the ensuing serve, Onufrak was in perfect position at the net to block the SAS return, but he couldn't catch a break as the ball rebounded off his hands and fell just out of bounds on the SAS side of the court.

An ace by Dunlavy put SAS at match point, 14-11, and forced SG to call a timeout. SG managed to pull within two points again at 14-12 when SAS couldn't handle their return of serve, but a scoring dink by Jason Gastelum on the next play gave SAS the win.

Dunlavy led SAS with five kills in the match, Young had four and Caleb Earnest had three.

Onufrak had six kills for SG, Len Johnson had three and Mata had two.

# RHS tennis members head to regional tournament

By Lou Garza-Vale

Randolph High School head tennis coach

Two Randolph High School Tennis Team members recently qualified for a regional-level meet.

The doubles team of Adam Rouse and Tyler Williamson traveled to San Marcos, Texas, Wednesday for the regional tournament.

The teen's record this season is 14-4. After placing second in District 27-2A they are looking forward to the regional event.

"I'm proud to be going to the regional tournament, said Tyler. "It's a great honor to represent Randolph. We're the first doubles team to go to this tournament in a long time."

Adam is known for his intimidating smashes, while Tyler is known for keeping a swift watch on the backcourt.

"It's all about the teamwork, which got us this far," said Adam. "Our goal is to go to state."

The Randolph High School tennis team practices every weekday for about two hours.

The team is comprised of 20 girls and boys, who have played six meets so far this school year, playing two or three matches per meet.



Adam Rouse (left) and Tyler Williamson, Randolph High School tennis players, recently qualified for a regional-level meet in San Marcos, Texas. (Photo by Dave Terry)



## Intramural Volleyball Standings

as of Wednesday

TEAM	RECORD
AETC/A2	3-0
AFPC	2-0
12 OSS	2-1
12 CS/NAV	2-1
AETC SAS	1-2
12 MSS	1-2
AETC/SG	0-2
12 MDG	0-3



## Intramural Bowling Standings

as of April 10

Team	W	L
AFPC	140	76
AETC/CSS	126	90
SVS	126	90
AFSVA	126	90
AETC/LG	122	94
RATS	117	99
AMO	116	100
AFMA	115	101
AETC/FM	114	102
JPPSO	114	102
CS	114	102
DFAS	112	104
OSS	112	104
AFPOA	110	106
SFS	101	115
AFPC/DFSG	90	126
AFSAT	86	130
CPTS	78	138
340 FTG	69	147
MED GP	66	150

#### **TEAM SCRATCH SERIES**

TEAM SCRATCH SERIES		
Team	Score	
AETC/CSS	2936	
AFPC	2935	
SVS	2825	
TEAM HANDICAP SERIES		
AETC/CSS	3275	
AFPC/DFSG	3229	
SFS	3183	
TEAM SCRATCH GAME		
Team	Score	
SVS	1038	
AETC/CSS	1037	
AFPOA	1032	
TEAM HANDICAP GAME		
Team	Score	

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**AFPOA** 

AETC/CSS

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# Randolph Oaks offers specials for golfers

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio Wingspread staff writer

Instead of watching golf tournaments on television or playing 18 holes with Tiger Woods on a video game, people can come out to the newly renovated Randolph Oaks Golf Course this summer and take advantage of the great scenery and fresh air.

The course is a great place for new golfers to get started in the game and seasoned players to fine tune their skills, said Troy Gann, Randolph Oaks director

"We are here to support the troops and their families," said Mr. Gann.

Beginner golfers can attend private or group lessons priced around \$40 an hour and less for a series of three or six. Randolph Oaks has two teaching professionals available for appointments.

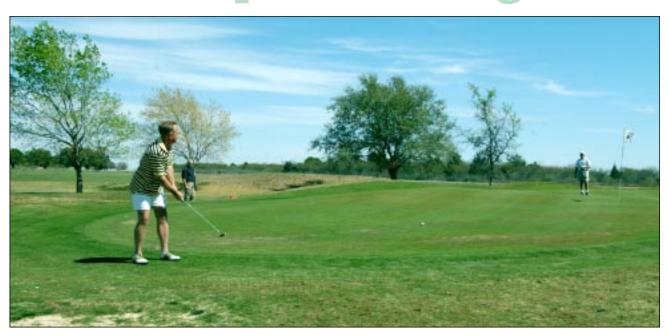
The course also offers classes for the experienced golfers teaching them how to perfect their swing and individual parts of their game. Swing analysis and evaluations are also available with a follow up plan on how to improve.

For those people wanting to perfect their long drive, the course also includes a driving range. Customers can purchase a basket of balls for \$4 or a half basket for \$2. For those customers who regularly use the driving range, Randolph Oaks even has a driving range "debit card" that offers a discount rate.

"Using the card, customers get baskets for \$60 where they would usually spend \$80," said Mr. Gann

The course director said April is an especially busy month at the course with a tournament almost every week. Sign-up sheets are located at the pro-shop for anyone who would like to participate.

Mike Fisk, manager of the base intramural golf league, said he has been golfing at Randolph Oaks for 14 years. He participates in about six



Chief Master Sgt. Brad Gildrea chips a ball at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. (Photo by Steve White)

tournaments at the course each year.

"Now that the construction has ended it's as if we're playing on a brand new track," said Mr. Fisk. "The redesigned greens add to the challenge and make for a totally new golfing experience at Randolph Oaks."

Discount family golf is available at the course now through September. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. The regular cost to play is determined by rank with the lowest rate at \$7, so the family golf offers a more than 50 percent discount. The discount is available after 6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding holidays and tournaments.

"Golf is a lifetime sport," said Mr. Gann. "The family golf gives parents the chance to share their love of golf with their children and possibly spawn a love for the game."

For those golfers who can't get away to golf during

the day, Randolph Oaks also offers twilight golf after 3 p.m. Golfers can shoot 18 holes at a reduced rate.

Other golf course features include a Pro Shop and snack bar, Mr. Gann said. The Pro Shop offers weekly specials and features an array of equipment and apparel.

The professionals in the Pro Shop also offer free club fittings for customers.

"On the outside, that'll usually cost a person about \$40-\$50," said Mr. Gann.

The Fairway Inn snack bar is open from 6 a.m. to dusk and offers both breakfast and lunch specials as well as an extensive grill menu.

Mr. Gann said this spring is a great time to check out what's new at the golf course. The Randolph Oaks greens may be new, but the wealth of experience and knowledge in the staff comes from years of dedication to the game, he said.

#### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### Golf tournament

The 14th Annual Military Golf Tournament takes place May 27-29. The tournament features three days of golf with participants rotating between the Randolph Oaks Golf Course and Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course.

Entry forms are available at the Randolph and Lackland golf courses. The deadline for entries is May 20.

Entry fees vary based on rank and include green fee, cart, refreshments and prizes.

The event is sponsored by the Anheuser-Busch Comany and Budweiser Company of San Antonio.

#### Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of classes

Monday through Friday to help customers get in shape. Classes include step, cycling, yoga, pilates, body toning and kick boxing. In addition, the center offers some Saturday classes.

For a class schedule, call 652-5316.

#### "Run 4 Your Life" event

The fitness center hosts a "Run 4 Your Life" 5-kilometer run and walk May 11 at 7 a.m. at Eberle Park.

For details, call the fitness center at 652-2955.

#### Relay for Life

The Greater Randolph Area Relay for Life, an American Cancer Society sponsored fundraising

event, takes place May 12 starting at 7 p.m. through May 13 at 7 a.m. in Pickerell Park in Schertz. Teams are being recruited, and cancer survivors are encouraged to come be part of a team.

For details, call Sharlotte Terry at 659-1325.

#### Charity event

The 4th Annual Dennis Quaid Charity Weekend takes place May 4-7 in Austin to benefit local children's charities. Military members and their families get into the event for free.

Events include golf and poker tournaments. A variety of movie celebrities will be in attendance, as well as television stars, comedians and musicians.

For more information and directions, visit www.quaidcharityweekend.com.